GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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REPLACEMENT OF OLD PLANES OF IAF
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 40% of IAFs combat fleet is obsolescent and has to be replaced during the next decade;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Indian Defence Review (IDR) has recommended that while planning replacement, new types of aircraft must be avoided;

(d) whether the Review also commented on licensed production of Sukhoi-30 and Mirage 2000-5 and Jaguars; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or being taken to replace the old fleet and on other recommendations of IDR?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) & (b): The Indian Air Force may face depletion of certain aircraft and equipment, due to obsolescence, in a matter of a few years.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir.

(e) The Indian Air Force has formulated a Modernisation Plan to enhance its combat Aircraft strength.Suggestions made in the IDR have been taken into account.